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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003, IN THE LIBRARY BASEMENT, 45 NORTH NINTH STREET, CLARKDALE, ARIZONA.

A Regular Meeting was held, April 21, 2003 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Clarkdale Memorial Library.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Chairperson:	Tom Evans
Vice Chairperson:	Elizabeth Rose Augusto
Commissioners:	Rodney Fielitz
	Ed Knight
	Dewey Reiersen

Staff:	Administrative Assistant	Chris Keller
	Planner	Ryan Smith
	Police Chief	Pat Haynie
	Court Clerk	Maria Contreras

Vice Chairperson Augusto called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm and noted that Chairperson Evans absent.

Chairperson Evans arrived to the meeting late.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of the minutes from the regular meeting of March 17, 2003.

Chairperson Evans made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2003 as corrected to a portion of the motion made regarding the clarkdale/jerome school nature trails instead be town trails in general. Commissioner Knight seconded the correction and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Augusto made a motion to move to agenda item #5 under old business before the reports, commissioner Fielitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS PLANNING OF EVENT FOR CABALLERO PARK. Commissioner Knight stated that he suggested an event be held in Caballero Park to encourage community involvement and to hear from the residents about their needs for the park. Vice Chairperson Augusto inquired about the climbing apparatus that was being considered for Cabarello Park. Discussion continued regarding what the residents, especially the children would like in their neighborhood park. Planner Smith noted that before the park was completed, town staff requested the children draw pictures of playground equipment, etc. that they would like to see in the park. Liability concerns were taken into consideration, therefore, staff did not place the climbing apparatus at the time Caballero Park was completed.

Chief Hayne stated that he was here today to represent Officer Nester, who was home sick, as liasion to the Patio Park residents. He noted that the park opening in Centerville was successful and that the police department would support the commission in their efforts to provide a social event in Cabarello Park, one suggestion was to involve the residents in planning "ownership" of the park. Chief Haynie stated that Officer Nester would be available to assist in contacting the residents of patio park.

Chairperson Evans inquired about putting a permanent Bar-b-que unit in Cabarello Park with the help of the Town. Planner Smith noted that the liability and budget issues would need to be explored. Discussion continued on sponsoring an event in Cabarello Park and encouraging all residents of Clarkdale to attend, calling it a town-wide bar-be-que. Commissioner Reiersen suggested the event be called a "placing new equipment gathering" to coincide with the

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consideration of placing climbing apparatus in Caballero Park.

Vice Chairperson Augusto made a motion that the Parks & Recreation Commission sponsor a town-wide bar-be-que to be held in Cabarello Park on Sunday June 22, 2003, Chairperson Evans seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Augusto stated that flyers be distributed to announce the event, inviting the Mayor and Council. Chief Haynie suggested the flyers be bilingual. This item will be on a future agenda for final planning.

Reports:

Chairperson Report: None.

Staff Report: Planner Smith stated that a written staff report was included in today's packet regarding Cabarello Park sign, pool opening and waiver of fee's during the summer concert series.

Planner Smith showed maps of trails in Clarkdale and inquired if Orrantia, Randall and Centerville trail were all one (1). He additionally reported on the progress concerning trails and the budget submittal.

CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

Planner Smith stated that trails mentioned in his report integrate in the General Plan. He explained that the Planning and Zoning department will assist the commission in creating a parks and recreation master plan. At that time impact fees will be considered with building permits for new homes, however, this project will have to remain on hold for approximately 18 months as the council has directed his department to work on the site plan review, minor subdivisions and other misc. projects. This item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE REVENUE SOURCES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES.

Chairperson Evans suggested that other cities/towns be explored to see how their parks/recreation departments are managed. Chairperson Evans did suggest that the town consider recycling the clippings/branches that the town crew picks up on Monday mornings, he stated that another possibly was to redesign the WWTP to generate plants and regenerate soil, using the revenue to fund parks and recreation activities.

Grant funding is another source, which Beth Escobar, Grants Administrator is actively pursuing.

CONSIDERATION OF THE RESTORATION OR REPLACEMENT OF THE TOWN GAZEBO.

Planner Smith recommended the parks/recreation have a joint worksession with the Heritage Conservancy Board for discussion and planning of this project and a possible update of the walking tour brochure. It was the consensus of the commission to hold a joint worksession with the HCB.

Future Agenda Items:

The following agenda items were identified for the May meeting:

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- legal issues concerning playground equipment in town parks
- hike-bike trail concept
- revenue system/sources for parks
- permanent bar-b-que pit for caballero park
- inclusion of clarkdale/jerome nature trail/11th st. trail in the town trail system
- joint worksession with Heritage Conservancy Board

Adjournment: With no further discussion items, Chairperson Evans moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Augusto seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned the 2:45 p.m.

Submitted:

Approved:

Chris Keller, Administrative Assistant

Tom Evans, Chairperson

Attest:

Ryan Smith, Planner